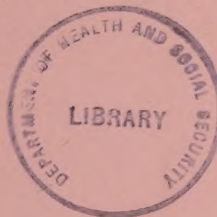


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THE  
ANNUAL REPORT

of the  
*Medical Officer of Health*

and the  
*Senior  
Public Health Inspector*

for the Year 1968





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To the Chairman and Members of the

BRADFORD AND MELKSHAM RURAL

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the health of the Bradford and Melksham Rural District for the year 1968.

On looking through the annual report, one always feels what a dull mass of facts it is. Yet to ones colleagues of previous years, at the beginning of the century, they would seem to be statistics from a wild, exciting dream. They who were concerned then with improving those basics of public health - sanitation, water supplies and housing would consider say, our improvements in rural sanitation as merely mopping-up operations at the end of a successfully fought battle.

Immunisation, improved standards of nutrition, advances in medical treatment have all lead to our present high level of public health. Now we have the problem of maintaining this level and as maintainance is always less exciting than the actual building that is why these statistics seem so dull today.

There are many health problems yet to be solved and the developments in the control of cancer, heart and circulation disease and mental health are exciting and stimulating but, in the main, beyond the responsibilities of District Councils. Our job is to maintain the base line.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Public Health Committee and all Councillors for their help and interest in public health matters. I would also like to thank Mr. Noble and Mr. Evans for the useful advice they so readily give me.

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G. W. WILKINSON

Medical Officer of Health



## PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

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W. A. Noble, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

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## VITAL STATISTICS

The statistics given in this section have been mainly derived from figures kindly supplied by the Registrar General.

### GENERAL STATISTICS

The Bradford and Melksham Rural District Council area is made up of 13 parishes.

The estimated mid-year population for 1968 was 14,170, an increase of 600 on 1967.

### BIRTHS AND DEATHS

#### (a) Births

	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total
Male	129	4	133
Female	123	3	126
Total	252	7	259

The total number of births is similar to 1967 (256) and gives a birth rate of 18.3 per 1,000. When this is adjusted for comparability it becomes 19.6, as compared to the national rate of 16.9.

2.7% of births were illegitimate.

#### (b) Still Births and Infant Mortality

	Male	Female	Total
Still births	2	-	2
Deaths under 1 year	1	-	1
Deaths under 4 weeks	-	-	-
Deaths under 1 week	-	-	-





The following rates can be taken from the foregoing figures, but due to the small numbers involved the comparison with 1967 figures, which is given in brackets, is of little value.

Still birth rate .....	8 per 1000 total births	(12)
Infant mortality rate .....	4 per 1000 live births	(20)
Perinatal mortality rate .....	8 per 1000 total births	(27)

(c) Deaths

Deaths at all ages were 91 males and 88 females, giving total deaths of 179 and a Death Rate of 12.6 (1967 - 13.0). Adjusted for comparability the rate becomes 10.3, as compared with the national rate of 11.9.

20% of the deaths took place in the 55 - 64 age group and 76% were 65 years of age or older.

(d) Causes of Death

<u>Percentage of Total Deaths</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
0.56%	- Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	1	1
	(Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	2	2	4
	(Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	11	-	11
22.3%	- (Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	6	6
	(Leukaemia	-	2	2
	(Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	6	10	16
	(Benign and unspecified Neoplasms	-	1	1
1.12%	Diabetes Mellitus	1	1	2
0.56%	Anaemias	-	1	1
	(Hypertensive Disease	1	1	2
	(Ischaemic Heart Disease	26	17	43
55.3%	(Other forms of Heart Disease	7	11	18
	(Cerebrovascular Disease	16	14	30
	(Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	5	6
1.12%	Influenza	1	1	2
	(Pneumonia	6	8	14
11.7%	(Bronchitis and Emphysema	3	-	3
	(Asthma	-	2	2
	(Other diseases of Respiratory System	2	-	2
1.12%	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	2	-	2
1.7%	(Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-	2
	(Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1	1
1.12%	Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	1	2
1.12%	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	1	1	2
0.56%	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
0.56%	All other Accidents	-	1	1
1.12%	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	1	2
Total all causes		91	88	179





## INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The Health Services and Public Health Act and Regulations, 1968 altered the list of infectious diseases which are notifiable. The most important changes, from our point of view are the removal of the pneumonias, erysipelas and puerperal pyrexia from the list and the addition of Infective Jaundice (Infectious Hepatitis), Leptospirosis and Tetanus.

This Act also gave increased powers of control of infectious diseases by (a) making it possible to require immunisation of contacts when necessary and practicable. (b) Compulsory medical examination of contacts if required. (c) Powers of exclusion from work of person suffering from or carriers of certain food born diseases.

### Notifiable Infectious Disease

Disease	1968	1967	1966	1965
Measles	14	94	61	108
Infectious Jaundice	4	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	3	18	-
Tuberculosis	1	2	-	2
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1
Salmonellosis	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-

### Distribution by Age Groups

Disease	under 1		1 - 4		5 - 9		10 - 14		15 & Adults		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Measles	-	-	3	4	2	5	-	-	-	-	5	9
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	3	1
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Totals	1	-	3	5	3	5	-	-	2	2	9	12

### Tuberculosis

Only one case of Tuberculosis, involving lungs, was notified during the year.





## IMMUNISATION

The statistics below were kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health.

The primary immunising figures were more satisfactory this year - the primary diphtheria immunising figures for babies born in 1967 gives a percentage of 77.3% (as compared with 60.4% last year). The County average percentage (excluding Swindon) is 80.

The number of 1967 born infants immunised against poliomyelitis was the same as last year, namely 70%.

### POLIOMYELITIS IMMUNISATION STATISTICS, 1968

Age Group	2nd inj.	3rd inj.	4th inj.	3 oral doses	2 orals after 2 inj.	4th oral after 3 inj or 3 oral
1968	-	-	-	89	-	-
1967	-	-	-	103	-	44
1966	-	-	-	2	-	57
1965	-	-	-	-	-	6
1964	-	-	-	-	-	18
1959 - 1963	-	-	-	12	-	120
1953 - 1958	-	-	-	2	-	-
Others under 16	-	-	-	-	-	2
Others over 16	-	-	-	-	-	6
TOTALS	-	-	-	208	-	253





IMMUNISATION AND SMALLPOX VACCINATION STATISTICS 1968

Year of Birth		1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1959-63	1953-58	Others Under 16
Primary Imms completed during 1968	Diph.	94	114	1	-	-	3	-	-
	Wh/c	94	111	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Tet.	94	114	1	-	-	3	2	2
	Measles	-	13	26	25	31	160	25	-
Reinf. Injects. administered during 1968	Diph.	-	50	65	8	7	118	2	-
	Wh/c	-	23	33	5	4	34	2	-
	Tet.	-	50	65	8	7	119	2	3

Age group	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	1	2-4	5-15
Vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	16	25
Re-vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	-	18



### SEWERAGE

The connection of the new Cross & Blackwell's section of Nestle's factory at Staverton to the Trowbridge Sewage Works, which was combined with a sewer system for the adjoining village of Staverton, was completed this year.

The scheme to sewer a large part of Melksham Without (a fairly rapidly developing residential area) lying on the periphery of Melksham, to the Sewage Works of the old R.A.F. Station now owned by this Council was also completed. Along with the previously completed Shaw & Whitley ~~scheme~~ this now only leaves Beanacre to be dealt with in the Parish.

The sewage scheme for Limpley Stoke was commenced. All the village, except for a very few houses, will be supplied with main drainage and treatment will be at the enlarged sewerage plant of neighbouring Freshford village.

### HOUSING

At the end of the year there were 4,300 permanent dwellings in the district. 205 new houses were constructed in the year, 166 of these being built by private enterprise. The Council's main house building activity this year was directed to replacing temporary war-time houses at Westwood by a very pleasant new estate.

The main areas of private development were at Winsley and the Forest area of Melksham Without.





## HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

### Hospital

This district is in the South Western Regional Hospital Board area. Two hospitals St. George's at Semington for chronic and elderly sick and Winsley Chest Hospital lie within the District. Bradford, Melksham and Trowbridge General Hospitals and, of course, the Bath Hospitals supply the general hospital facilities for the area. Most maternity cases are dealt with by Bradford and Trowbridge Maternity Hospitals.

### County Council Health Services

Domiciliary midwifery and Home Nursing Health Visitor services (care of the elderly, nursing mothers and young children) and the Home Help service, are controlled by the County Council, as are the Ambulance Service, Health Education and Mental Health.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at Melksham Clinic (every Thursday afternoon) and Bradford (Youth Centre, Newtown every Tuesday afternoon) and immunisation sessions are also held at these centres.

Village Infants Clinics are held at Holt, Semington, Hilperton and Monkton Farleigh.





REPORT

of the

SENIOR

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

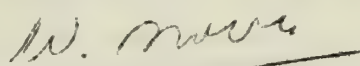
I have pleasure in presenting my twentyfirst Annual Report to this Council.

1968 has been a year of steady progress. All aspects of public health work have been maintained. In these days of possible changes in local government units, I cannot help but say that, in my experience with six authorities, it is the smaller districts, such as this Council, that personal attention enables the work to be done efficiently and with true regard for local circumstances. The present idea of "the bigger, the better" is a fallacy for local government.

I would ask the Chairman and Members of the Council and Committees to accept my sincere gratitude for their guidance and consideration. My thanks are also due to Dr. Wolfenden for his co-operation and to Mr. Evans and Mrs. Hanney for assistance so willingly given. The Rodent Operator and the Refuse Collection and Disposal Staff have continued their duties to the obvious satisfaction of householders in the District.

I have the honour to be Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,



Senior Public Health Inspector

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Additional Public  
Health Inspector

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Clerk/Typist

Mrs. J. Hanney

Rodent Operator

Mr. A. H. Hart

Refuse Collection

Mr. J. H. Goodenough (Foreman/Driver)

Mr. W. E. Jones (Driver)

Mr. R. J. Humphries (Loader/Relief Driver)

Mr. P. Sutherland

Mr. F. G. Hall

Mr. S. G. Wilcox

Mr. R. C. Trott

Tip Operator

Mr. P. J. Andrews



# MEAT AND FOODS

	Number	Inspections	Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Slaughterhouses ... ..	2	429	-	-
Butcher's Shops ... ..	1	-	-	-
Catering Establishments ...	14	17	1	-
Food Shops ... ..	44	174	6	1
Schools ... ..	15	8	-	-
Licensed Premises ... ..	32	68	2	2
Licensed Slaughtermen ...	3	-	-	-
Licensed Game Premises ...	1	4	-	-

Note - It will be noticed throughout this report that, on occasion, more notices are shown as "complied with" than "served". This is explained by work requested in 1967 being completed in 1968.

The two private slaughterhouses have continued in operation during the year (animals slaughtered and condemnation figures are shown in Appendix "A"). Each slaughterhouse has a stunning pen and complies with the Hygiene and Prevention of Cruelty Regulations. The prohibition of wiping cloths as from the 1st November, 1968, presented some problems. The slaughterhouse proprietors are experimenting with various equipment. Nylon brushes appear to be the best solution.

The carcase and offal of every animal is inspected.

During the year, complaints were received about a piece of glass in a bottle of beer, a mouldy cake and a proving tape in a loaf of bread. All the complaints were thoroughly investigated and ready co-operation obtained from the manufacturers. The Council decided to institute proceedings under the Food and Drugs Act regarding the loaf containing the tape. A fine of £15 with £7 - 7 - 0 costs was imposed.

The Council also decided to take Court action under the Food Hygiene Regulations for various infringements at a shop. Quite a lengthy hearing resulted and £60 fines and £7 - 7 - 0 costs were imposed on the shopkeeper who discontinued business.

As mentioned in previous Annual Reports, we have a modest routine of sampling pies, ham, fish cakes, etc. for Bacteriological examination.

The results for the year are as follows:-

<u>Nature of Sample</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>No. of Satisfactory Samples</u>	<u>No. Showing High Colony Count</u>
Double Devon Cream	5	5	-
Real Dairy Cream	1	1	-
Single Cream	1	1	-
Yoghourt	1	1	-
Chicken Meat Paste	1	1	-





# ICE-CREAM

	Number	Inspections	Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Retailers ... ..	35	91	-	-
Manufacturers ... ..	-	-	-	-
Total Number of Samples - Ice-creams ... ..				54
Iced-lollies ... ..				25

## Percentage of Samples

Grade I	Grade I or II	Grade III	Grade IV
88.9%	100%	-	-

The Public Health Laboratory Service suggests that 50% of a vendor's samples should fall into Grade I, 80% into Grade I or II, no more than 20% into Grade III and none into Grade IV.

# MILK AND DAIRIES

	Number	Inspections	Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Dairies ... ..	1)			
Distributors ... ..	6)			
Dairymen operating from outside district	15)	91	-	-
Producer/Retailers ... ..	2)			

## Milk (Special Designation) Regulations.

"Untreated" Dealers Licences ... ..	1
Dealers (Pre-packed milk) Licences for "Untreated" Milk ... ..	0
Dealers (Pre-packed milk) Licences for "Pasteurised" Milk ... ..	7
Dealers (Pre-packed milk) Licences for "Sterilised" Milk ... ..	2

Set out below are the sample results of "designated" milk.

Number of "Untreated" Milk Samples ... ..	24
Number of Satisfactory "Untreated" Milk Samples ... ..	24
Number of "Pasteurised" Milk Samples ... ..	44
Number of Satisfactory "Pasteurised" Milk Samples ... ..	44
Number of "Pasteurised (Channel Islands)" Milk Samples ... ..	19
Number of Satisfactory "Pasteurised (Channel Islands)" Milk Samples ... ..	19
Number of "Sterilised" Milk Samples ... ..	5
Number of Satisfactory "Sterilised" Milk Samples ... ..	5
Number of Biological Samples for Tubercle Bacillus and Brucella Abortus ...	8
Number of Satisfactory Biological Samples for Tubercle Bacillus ... ..	8
Number of Satisfactory Biological Samples for Brucella Abortus ... ..	8

The sample results could not be better.





## WATER

Number of Public Water Supplies in the District ... ..	7
Number of Bacteriological Samples obtained during 1968 ... ..	46
Number of Samples taken for Chemical Analysis during 1968 ... ..	Nil

Appendix "B" of this report sets out the sample results for the year.

I am not in a position to give, with any degree of accuracy, the number of houses and the population in each parish supplied from public water mains direct to houses or by means of standpipes. None of the water supplies appear to be liable to plumbo-solvent action.

## FACTORIES

	Number	Inspections	Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Factories with power ... ..	24)	18	1	-
Factories without power ... ..	1)			
Outworkers ... ..	-	-	-	-

The requirements of the Factories Act, 1961 appear to be complied with and full details, as required by the Ministry, are mentioned in Appendix "C".

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

	Number	Inspections	Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Site Licences ... ..	13	81	1	1
Licences Refused ... ..	-	-	-	-

It is pleasing to report that no complaints have been received during the year regarding gypsies at Norrington Common.

All sites, licensed by the Council, have been inspected to ensure compliance with the licence conditions relating to number of caravans, water supply, sanitary accommodation, disposal of waste water, paths, fire extinguisher and refuse bin.

All the sites are small (the largest having nine caravans).

## RODENT CONTROL

Details, in the form required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food are given in Appendix "D".



The Rodent Operator has continued with routine inspections. We now have 10 farm contracts for which a fixed charge is made, each farm is visited every four months and the necessary treatments carried out. Four business premises have similar contracts with us for regular inspection and treatment.

Four sewerage systems were test baited. Three showed "no takes" but the fourth resulted in a treatment of part of the village system.

#### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection throughout the district is maintained with a limited service for some trade refuse.

It has become increasingly difficult to collect the refuse with two Fore and Aft Tipping refuse vehicles owing to the new houses in the district. At the end of the year, an order was placed for a new 50 cube yard Pakamatic vehicle to be delivered in the next financial year. Both our existing lorries will be retained so that we have, for the first time, a spare vehicle.

Owing to the national financial difficulties, the Council decided to defer indefinitely the bonus scheme for the men and the pilot scheme for paper sack collection.

The Michigan Shovel Tractor obtained in October, 1966 has been extremely useful and serviceable. It enabled us to deal effectively with a fire at Beanacre Tip. In November, a row of trees were planted on the edge of Beanacre Tip to provide an effective screen.

This summer we used a new organo-phosphorus compound and tipped into trenches in an endeavour to eliminate complaints of flies from near-by householders. Whether as a result of these precautions or whether due to the climatic conditions, some of the householders have expressed to me their appreciation of the conditions.

The possibility of joining a joint scheme with neighbouring local authorities for a refuse incineration plant was thoroughly investigated. The cost would have entailed a 5d. rate and we have 10 to 15 years life at Beanacre Tip. Therefore, the Council declined to join the scheme.

#### SALVAGE

During the year, the following items of salvage have been sold:-

	<u>Weight</u>				<u>Approx. Value</u>		
	Tons	Cwts	Qrs	Lbs	£	s.	d.
Wools ... ..		10	3	16	50	16	8
Rags ... ..	4	1	1	0	40	12	6
Waste Paper ... ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scrap Metal ... ..	9	1	2	6	238	8	9
			TOTAL		£329	17	11





## CESSPOOL EMPTYING SERVICE

This service, brought into operation in 1948, has been utilised to clear 378 cesspools and septic tanks during 1968.

The Contractors, employed by the Council, visit the district every three months and it has been useful to many householders to have a standing order for such clearances with the Council.

The service has grown from 75 clearances in 1948 to 378 clearances in 1968.

## HOUSING

Number of houses inspected and recorded ... ..	7
Number of houses suitable for action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	7
Number of houses suitable for action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	-
Number of Demolition Orders issued ... ..	3
Number of Closing Orders issued ... ..	1
Number of Undertakings accepted under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	-
Number of notices under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	-

The Council's policy is to formally deal with dwellings which were placed in Category IV in the Housing Survey and similarly to deal with properties becoming vacant where re-letting might provide a "stepping-stone" to Council re-housing. The policy has been pursued through the year and 7 cottages have been so formally reported to the Public Health Committee as suitable for action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957. Every endeavour is made to persuade owners to undertake re-conditioning schemes and to take advantage of Improvement Grants.

During the year 6 cottages were demolished and 7 re-conditioned.

7 Discretionary Grants (total £3,316 - 10 - 0) and 27 Standard Grants (total £4,580 - 0 - 0) under the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1958 have been approved during 1968. Some considerable discussion and inspections are a preliminary to such applications but the work is well justified by the results.

During the year, we commenced to inspect all the cottages, without bathrooms, in one parish. Various discussions with owners ensued. Our endeavour was to obtain improvement by persuasion rather than by the compulsory powers provided in the Housing Act, 1964.



However, with the arrival of the Government White Paper "Old Homes into New Homes", which contains proposals for amendment of the improvement grants, this project was dropped for the time being.

No applications have been made during the year for Certificate of Disrepair under the Rent Act, 1957.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Number of inspections ... ..	311
Number of informal notices served ... ..	8
Number of statutory notices served ... ..	2
Number of informal notices complied with ... ..	6
Number of statutory notices complied with ... ..	Nil

The two statutory notices relate to drainage from a piggery and means of escape from fire at a hotel. It should be possible to report in 1969 that both notices have been complied with.

#### RIVERS, STREAMS AND SEWERAGE

Of the thirteen parishes (Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Hilperton, Holt, Melksham Without - Spa Road, Semington Road, Berryfield, Shaw, Whitley, Woodrow - Staverton, Westwood and Winsley) now have sewerage systems and further schemes are envisaged by the Council. Throughout the district informal action has been taken to prevent pollution of streams and water courses, but sewer ditches continue to be a problem.

#### SWIMMING BATHS

There are no swimming baths or pools open to the public in this area. Various samples and some advisory work was undertaken for private pools at school in the district.

#### ABANDONED CARS

The Civic Amenities Act, 1967 and The Removal and Disposal of Vehicles Regulations, 1968 have clarified the position regarding this problem.

Five cars have been removed and disposed of either formally under the Regulations or by using the Regulations as a threat to the car owners.

#### RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

Number of Premises Registered ... ..	1
Number of Visits ... ..	2
Number of Samples obtained ... ..	3

Informal samples of feathers, hair and rag flock have been taken. Once again, the feathers did not strictly comply with the Regulations but the Prescribed Analyst pointed out that this was due to the protein content of immature broiler feathers.





The samples of hair and rag flock satisfied the requirements of the Regulations.

### CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

#### Smoke Observations

<u>Premises</u>	<u>1966</u>		<u>1967</u>		<u>1968</u>								<u>Percentage of Compliance with Regulations</u>
	<u>C</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Jan.-</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.-</u>	<u>Jun.</u>	<u>Jul.-</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.-</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	
A	11	1	12	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	100%
B	12	0	12	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	100%
C	12	0	12	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	100%
D	12	0	12	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	100%
E	12	0	12	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	100%
F	11	1	12	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	100%
G	12	0	12	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	100%
H	12	0	12	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	100%
TOTAL	94	2	96	0	24	0	24	0	24	0	24	0	

"C" indicates compliance with the Clean Air Act and the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations, 1958. "N" indicates non-compliance.

These results are excellent and have been obtained by constant vigilance. We had to take some forceful action when we discovered a Contractor burning some waste fuel, on a farm, with a serious smoke nuisance. This will not occur again, we think.

### ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Number of Premises Licensed ... .. 5

Number of Visits ... .. 13

Two of the premises did not seek renewal of the licences for 1969 and negotiations are in hand to improve the standard of boarding accommodation at two of the remaining premises. I am very grateful to the local Inspector of the R.S.P.C.A. for his advice.



## AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

So far, we have not found it necessary to serve any notices under the Act and it seems to me that, as far as the provisions enforceable by local authorities are concerned, the type of farm in this area does not provide difficulties.

## DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957

It is a relief to say that there are now no premises in this district used for the boiling of swill.

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The enforcement of this Act is now a routine matter. Details, as required by the Ministry, are set out in Appendix "E".

## NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

The Council instituted proceedings in one case, following persistent complaints by householders near to premises being used as a transport depot.

A Nuisance Order was made and a fine of £10 plus £34 costs imposed.

## LAND DRAINAGE ACT, 1961

No formal action has been taken during the year. However, a very useful meeting took place with a neighbouring authority and the River Authority. Flooding problems were discussed.

The Council arranged for a Land Drainage Contractor to dig out two long ditches in the district. In one case, the farmers co-operated in paying the cost. Adjacent householders greatly appreciated the final result.

## PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

I would like to make special mention of the very good service given to this Council by Dr. Mann and the Public Health Laboratory at Manor Hospital, Bath. All our milk, ice-cream and water samples are given prompt attention and it is of very great assistance to have Dr. Mann's advice so readily available.

## GENERAL

The following visits have been made in connection with miscellaneous items requiring attention:-

Drainage ... ..	409
Water Supply ... ..	17
Salvage ... ..	2
Miscellaneous Housing Visits and Small Dwellings Acquisition Act enquiries	355
Refuse Collection and Disposal ... ..	438
Rodent Control ... ..	27
Abandoned Cars ... ..	43





# APPENDIX "A"

## CARCASE AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	503	2,120	860	170	51	-
Number inspected	503	2,120	860	170	51	-
<u>All disease except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	6	17	23	10	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	113	1,090	52	24	11	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	23.7	52.2	8.7	20.0	21.6	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	12	39	1	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	2.39	1.89	0.12	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	5	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	5	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

**NOTE** - The high percentage of animals inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticercus Bovis can, I think, be attributed to the high number of casualty animals slaughtered and the high incidence of liver fluke in older cows.

The Tuberculosis rate is due to the fact that Tuberculosis reactors are sent in fairly regularly by the Ministry. This year, following the discovery of a generalised Tuberculosis cow by us, a whole herd was sent in. Nearly half of which was found to be affected with active Tuberculosis.



## BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER SAMPLE RESULTS, 1968

Name of Supply	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Remarks
Bath City (Combe Down) Supply	S(2)	-	-	S(7) U(2)	-	-	S(2)	-	-	S(2)	-	-	Chlorinated Supply
North Wilts Water Board (Holt Supply)	S(1)	-	-	S(1)	-	-	S(1)	-	-	S(2)	-	-	Chlorinated Supply
North Wilts Water Board (Chippenham Supply)	S(3)	-	-	S(4) U(1)	-	-	S(3)	-	-	S(3)	-	-	Chlorinated Supply
Turleigh Troughs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Warning Notice fixed in August, 1949
West Wilts Water Board	S(1)	-	-	S(1)	-	-	S(1)	-	-	S(1)	-	-	Chlorinated Supply
Estate Supply	S(1)	-	-	S(1)	-	-	S(1)	-	-	S(1)	-	-	Chlorinated Supply
Estate Supply	S(1)	-	-	S(1)	-	-	S(1)	-	-	S(1)	-	-	Main water fed to Estate Reservoir

Note - S denotes satisfactory result. U denotes unsatisfactory result due to the presence of faecal coli. (Number) denotes number of samples obtained during the month.





# FACTORIES

Inspections	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are enforced by Local Authority (non power) ... ..	1	1	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (power) ... ..	24	22	1	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworker's premises)	-	-	-	-
Defects	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ... ..	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2) ... ..	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)...	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4) ...	-	-	-	-
Drainage of Floors (S.6) ... ..	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient ... ..	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for Sexes ...	-	-	-	-



# APPENDIX "D"

## ANNUAL REPORT ON RATS AND MICE

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Year ended 31st December, 1968

### PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS

- 1) Number of properties in district
- 2) a Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification
  - b Number infested by (i) Rats
  - (ii) Mice
- 3) a Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification
  - b Number infested by (i) Rats
  - (ii) Mice

TYPE OF PROPERTY	
NON- AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
4,819	369
114	3
106	3
14	-
368	10
72	10
7	-





# APPENDIX "E"

## THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

TABLE A	Class of Premises (1)	Number of premises newly registered during the year (2)	Total number of registered premises at end of year (3)	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year (4)
Registrations and General Inspections	Offices	-	5	4
	Retail Shops	2	9	9
	Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
	Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	2	7	7
	Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
	TOTALS	4	21	20

TABLE B - Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to Registered Premises 29

TABLE C	Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Analysis by workplace of persons employed in Registered premises at end of year	Offices	20
	Retail Shops	19
	Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
	Catering establishments open to the public	53
	Canteens	-
	Fuel storage depots	-
	TOTAL	92
	Total Males	43
	Total Females	49









